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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS:EAIR, WB, TU
SUBJ: CIVAIR: CHARTER FLIGHTS FROM BERLIN TO ISTANBUL

REF: ANKARA 5116 AND 5205

1. DR. WOLFGANG HOFFMANN, POLITICAL COUNSELOR, FRG EMBASSY, CALLED ON ECONOMIC COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR OCTOBER 30 TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON CURRENT STATUS OF CHARTER OPERATIONS BY WESTERN CARRIERS BETWEEN WEST BERLIN AND ISTANBUL.

2. HOFFMANN SAID TURKISH AUTHORITIES HAD AGAIN RECENTLY THREATENED TO DENY ALLIED CHARTER AIRCRAFT FROM BERLIN PERMISSION TO LAND AT ISTANBUL. HE HAD MADE APPROACH TO MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS (PARMAN, OFFICER IN CHARGE CIVIL AVIATION) ASKING GOT ON POLITICAL GROUNDS TO ALLOW CHARTER OPERATIONS TO CONTINUE. HOFFMANN SAID GOT HAD AGAIN TAKEN HARD LINE AGAINST CARRIERS BECAUSE LATTER REFUSING TO PAY ROYALTY TO TURKISH NATIONAL AIRLINE (THY). (FOR BACKGROUND SEE ANKARA 5116 AND PREVIOUS.) FOR SOME MONTHS CARRIERS HAVE BEEN OBJECTING TO PAYMENT OF ROAYALTY ON GROUNDS THAT THY NOW HAS AIR TRAFFIC
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RIGHTS AT EAST BERLIN AND THEREFORE NOW ON EQUAL BASIS WITH

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WESTERN CARRIERS OPERATING FROM WEST BERLIN. SINCE THY BEGAN SERVICE TO EAST BERLIN, CARRIERS HAVE PAID ROYALTIES INTO BLOCKED ACCOUNT PENDING RESOLUTION OF CARRIERS OBJECTIONS. HOFFMANN WAS NOT SURE WHETHER LATEST DIFFICULTY AROSE BECAUSE CARRIERS REFUSED TO MAKE ANY MORE PAYMENTS INTO ACCOUNT OR BECAUSE GOT WISHES TO HELP THY TO GET ACCESS TO THE MONEY IN THE BLOCKED ACCOUNT. HOFFMANN THOUGHT THE REASON WAS THE LATTER.

3. FRG APPROACH TO MFA WAS MADE ON ABSIS OF REQUESTING GOT TO REFRAIN FROM ACTION THAT WOULD IMPAIR ECONOMIC VIABILITY OF WEST BERLIN. HOFFMANN SAID MFA AGREED TO INSTRUCT GOT CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES TO PERMIT CHARTTER FLIGHTS TO CONTINUE. THEREFORE, HE BELIEVES IMMEDIATE PROBLEM IS SOLVED BUT THAT THIS MAY BE FOR ONLY A FEW WEEKS. THE ONLY SOLUTION HE SEES IS FOR CHARTER CARRIERS TO CONTINUE TO PAY ROYALTY TO THY UNTIL LATTER AIRLINE IS GRANTED LANDING RIGHTS IN WEST BERLIN (WHICH WOULD END REASON FOR GOT INSISTENCE ON PAYMENT OF ROYALTY TO THY BY WESTERN CARRIERS OPERATING BETWEEN WEST BERLIN AND TURKEY). HOFFMANN FEARS THAT USE WITH TURKISH AUTHORITIES OF POLITICAL ARGUMENT (OF NOT IMPAIRING WEST BERLIN'S VIABILITY) HAS BEEN EXHAUSTED. HE DID NOT CONSIDER IT NECESSARY THAT WE TAKE ANY SUPPORTING ACTION AT THIS TIME, BUT SIMPLY WANTED USG TO BE INFORMED OF CURRENT STATUS THIS PROBLEM.

4. EMBASSY COMMENT: WE HAD NOT OTHERWISE HEARD OF THIS LATEST FLARE-UP OF THIS CONTINUING ISSUE.
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